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For State Senator.

We are authorized to announce HON. CARTER M. BUFORD as a candidate for State Senator, 24th District, Missouri, subject to the Democratic Primary Election.

We are authorized to announce HON. FRANK H. FAHRIS as a candidate for State Senator, 24th District, Missouri, subject to the Democratic Primary Election.

REEDY'S MIRROR calls Attorney-General Barker's grilling of Judge McPherson "barking." I think there was some bite in it, too.

A WRITER in a St. Louis paper in which one expects always to find English as she should be spoke, says "Jacques Thibaud is again in our midst." O, for a Dana to relieve the pressure!

If we were half as assiduous in reforming ourselves as we are in correcting the faults and weaknesses of our neighbor, what a model for worlds this earth would be to the universe!

JUDGING from the average Socialistic publication, the one thing necessary to the making of a good Socialist is to have a through-and-through conviction that everybody else is either a damphool or a pernicious hypocrite.

I FIND in last week's "Reedy's Mirror" this jolt courteous: "In the Globe-Democrat we learn that the abandonment of illegitimate methods of big business is due to public sentiment and not to politicians. But politicians or political publicists formed public sentiment, without much aid or encouragement from the Globe Democrat."

THE De Soto Press justly throws this bouquet at one whom we all delight to honor: "Judge Dearing has to his credit a record as circuit judge that has seldom been equaled in this part of the State. He has saved the people of the circuit many dollars in the transaction of the business of his court."

FOR the Philippines, independence—not a generation or even a decade hence; but now! Who are we to tell the people of those islands they are not fit for self-government? We have no call or God-given right to overlord them; much less than King George had to justify his war against the American Colonies. This Philippine business has all along given the lie to our profession of the right of self-government, and will blotch fair Freedom's escutcheon for a century to come.

A Criticism.

"There are some strange things about the farmers of this section." "One day last week our agriculture class of the eighth grade tested a sample of milk from the fine Jersey cow owned by Mr. Hanson. The test was carefully made from whole milk and showed 6.2 per cent butter fat. This is more than 50 per cent above the average. This means that Mr. Hanson could add one-half gallon of water to each gallon of milk and still have standard milk."

Mr. Editor, it is not strange that water should be added to milk, perhaps, but it is strange that anyone should suppose it could be done without detection. One old lady found in her pitcher of milk that sat on the gate post under a catalpa tree a snail. It did not require a Babcock milk tester to find the watering of that milk. Milk men are proverbially lacking in honesty, so it is said.

Standard milk 33 per cent water! Why milk is 88 per cent water—and 12 to 14 per cent solid; average 3.50 per cent butter fat, 5 per cent milk sugar, 3.25 per cent casein, 0.50 per cent albumen, 0.75 ash. Missouri's Pure Food Law, which went into effect June 14, 1907, requires "Standard Milk" to contain not less than 8.5 per cent of solids not fat, and not less than 3.25 per cent of milk fat.

Butter fat is the most variable of solids, ranging from very low to 6.5 per cent, or even 7 per cent. The solids are quite constant.

"It is funny, isn't it," that our high school agriculture class could not figure out the changed ratio of solids and water after 50 per cent of water was added?

It is also funny that farmers do not care to pay 50 cents per cow to have their milk tested by experts (?) when more than one Babcock tester has been in use here for ten years, and it was done, during the palmy days of the creamery struggle, for the asking, and is now, by a machine that is ready for work whenever a neighbor brings a sample.

It is funny that about fifteen cream separators of various makes are in daily use among our farmers and nobody ever hears of them through the newspapers.

Farmers today are going through the bitterest struggle they have ever known. Changed conditions, climatic, social, economic and political—are to be met and conquered, and the farmer plods on with a never-dying faith in the future. But one question arises in their minds: That "half gallon of water" to make standard milk—is it the standard of morals of the eighth grade agriculture class, or lack of information?

ONE OF THE FUNNY FARMERS.

A Socialistic Blast.

Ed. Register—In the issue of January 2d the Enterprise published, by request, an article on Socialism. If this had been a funeral notice the Enterprise would have not commented on it. I shall try to give an answer to the Enterprise criticism, and grant him the privilege of answering. Most of the old party Editors seem to be afraid of Socialism and do not want to handle it unless they have on a pair of fire-proof gloves. Well, it is pretty hot, but the Globe Democrat, with all its partisan bias, handles a little of it. However, it usually apologizes for its offense.

One of the old dodges with some of the old party upholders is, "Well I can't understand it." Maybe they do not; but they are usually eager to "explain" it "their" way. This looks like the "blind leading the blind." It seems to the writer that the Enterprise is trying to "swipe" some democratic "thunder." I never heard of either Bill or Ted advocating competition, though the Enterprise talks pretty glibly of competition.

Had this appeared in the REGISTER, I would not have been surprised to have seen the REGISTER's answer all plastered with "competition."

"Remove competition and the human family will retrograde." Whom does the Enterprise include in the "human family?" Standard Oil and Steel Trust interests? If he does, then I confess if Socialism prevailed they would retrograde so far as their ability to pile up such vast fortunes of profits. "Two children in school will make better progress when competing." May be so. I never heard of any Socialist who wanted to rob the school of anything. Public Schools are a Socialized institution, anyway.

I do not know whether the Enterprise meant to be funny or felt a little sorry for the Socialists. The "theory is very nice" and "might work out if every man actually loved his neighbor a little better than himself." The Enterprise does not seem to know that Socialism is not a "theory," but based on a science as sound as any known to man. I never heard of any Socialist who thought himself better than the meek Carpenter, and He said, "love thy neighbor as thyself." Not better. Were the teachings of Jesus carried out the world would enter a period of peace and prosperity which it has never seen. And you would not have to "love your neighbor better than yourself." The Enterprise says "Socialism is not in full operation" anywhere, so far as he knows. The Enterprise knows, or ought to know, that Socialism is not in "full" or partial operation. If he does not know it, I will inform him and his readers that Socialism is not now, never has been, and never can be, as long as Capitalism exists. If every one could get that fixed in his mind he could truthfully say he knew something about Socialism.

"As long as men love money." I would hardly have expected that expression from the Enterprise. It seems to me that I have read some where, that the "love of money is the root of all evil." I do not think I read it in the Globe Democrat or the Republic. Some people seem to get badly scared when you mention Socialism. Some of them will give you a sermon on that "Dead Level" text; and they "ball" things up so you are not sure whether they are quoting from the U. S. Constitution or from the bible. I suppose the Enterprise is hinting at the "dead level" when he gives us the parable or fable (which is it?) of the ten cords of wood. However I agree with him there. If I could saw ten cords of wood in a day I think I would be ashamed to "compete" with a loafer who could saw but one cord in a day. I do not think that every one will be on a "dead level." Under Socialism the Enterprise editor will have just as much freedom to pick his companions as he has now, otherwise some one might take him to a "swell" hotel where he might have to sit at the same table with Teddy or Princess Alice and Booker T.

Yes, it would be "nice" to own the railroads, the mines, mills and factories, that have cost "years and millions of money." Will the Enterprise be good enough to tell us where all these millions in money come from? How did those who have it get it? Did "they" work at some productive work? Perhaps the Enterprise will enlighten us on these points. Mr. Rockefeller says the working man should practice economy. I reckon John D. got his by saving. I suppose he must have got a little more than a dollar and a half a day. The Enterprise speaks of a "heritage" for our children.

If Mr. Wilson does not plumb the track, and Bill Taft does not get too fat to trot in double harness, "The People" (Wall Street) will harness him and Joe Cannon together and trot them to the White House—in 1916. Wall Street then can complete the job of corraling the resources of the country. All then that will be left for the children of the working class will be the chains of slavery of their ignorant parents.

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